



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STATESBORO

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30am
11:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45am

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00pm

WEDNESDAY

5:00pm Family Night Supper

5:30pm Kidz Praise

6:00pm Student Ministry

6:30pm Midweek Kidz Ministry

6:30pm Adult Bible Studies

6:30pm Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal

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April 15, 2018

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From the Pastor

Deacon Ministry

We are not far from the time to elect deacons once again, so this is a good time for us to remember both the biblical qualifications and ministry roles that these men fill at First Baptist Church Statesboro. We have an active deacon body of around 24 men who work with me and our leadership staff in serving, equipping, and leading this congregation. This group rotates one-third of its number each year, drawing upon deacons who have served previously or upon men to be newly elected as deacons.

Qualifications of Deacons

The qualifications of deacons are quite clear. The seminal passage is 1 Timothy 3:8-13, which sets forth the biblical standard of the character and behavior of the men who are chosen to be deacons. This list of qualifications focuses on their reputation, family life, spiritual practices, and lifestyle. They are to be reverent, proven, and mature men who possess a genuine godliness. Their marriages and family life are to demonstrate Christian character as well. Surprisingly, the Scripture also sets forth standards for a deacon's wife, stating that she too must be reverent and faithful in all things.

Additionally, the men who serve on an active basis as deacons at First Baptist Church Statesboro make three other commitments:

- 1—To abstain from beverage alcohol
- 2—To practice financial tithing, a biblical discipline of giving at least 10% of your income back to the Lord
- 3—To demonstrate an exemplary commitment to this local church by serving, working, and volunteering in an appropriate fashion

Do You Have a Recommendation?

Our Nominating Committee will soon begin discussing names to recommend for active deacon ministry, but your input is both needed and welcomed. If you want to recommend men to be considered for active deacon ministry, please submit their names to Tammy Goodman, at tammy@fbc-statesboro.org or 912.489.7907. The Nominating Committee gladly receives your recommendations and suggestions as they seek God's will in this important process.

-- John Waters

Today at FBC

Dr. Steve Echols

Brewton Parker College President

- Great Are You Lord
- How Great Is Our God
- I Am
- Redeemed
- 10,000 Reasons
- Reckless Love
- Just As I Am



Song of Solomon Weekend

A Discipleship Study for Adults

April 20 - 21 \$15 per person

MEN'S MINISTRY

HELPING YOU START & STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

THE PROCLAIMER



WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today!

---If this is your first time joining us, we want to get to know you better. Fill out the welcome card and take it to the welcome desk after the service.

CHURCH WIDE

Family Night Supper April 18

---Fried & baked chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean casserole, garden fresh salad, yeast rolls, pineapple upside-down cake.

Song of Solomon Discipleship Study for Adults

---April 20; 6:30-9:00pm; April 21; 8:30-12:30pm; \$15 per person includes meal each day; sign up in elevator lobby.

Spring Missions Offering

---March 18-April 29; Spring Missions Offering supports new churches in North America and ongoing ministries in Georgia.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Caring Threads

---Tuesdays @ 10:00-11:30am; room B303.

Praise Moves: The Christian Alternative to Yoga

--- Mondays @ 5:30pm; Tuesdays @ 9:30 & 11:00am; Thursdays @ 11:00am & 5:30pm; Fridays @ 9:30am; All classes held in the Historic Sanctuary.

MEMBERSHIP

Requesting Church Membership

---First Baptist Church welcomes Haley Smith.

SYMPATHY

---We express our deepest sympathy to DeWayne and Renee Perkins in the loss of her mother, Clara Chumbler; and to Bill and Becky Olliff in the loss of her father.

FLOWERS

---The flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hal Averitt by his wife, Connie and their family.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS Volunteer Pep Rally

---April 15; 3:00-5:00pm; Perry Fellowship Hall.

Parent Child Dedication Orientation Class

---April 22 & 29; 9:45-10:45am; Averitt Room.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Girls Conference

---May 4-5; middle through high school girls; sign-up online today.

Wednesday Nights

---"Spiritual Disciplines"; 6:00pm; The Gathering.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Renew Bible Study

---Wednesdays at Georgia Southern; 8:00pm; Russell Union Room 2054.

End of the Year Cookout

---Wednesday, April 25; 7:00pm; Aspen Heights Volleyball Court.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Celebration Choir and Orchestra Practice

---Wednesdays; 6:30pm; Choir Room.

Joyful Singers

---Tuesdays; 1:30pm; Choir Room.

Kidz Choirs Sing Tonight

---5:00pm rehearsal; 6:00pm Worship Service.

FOR THE RECORD - APRIL 8, 2018

Attendance

Morning Worship.....1149
Sunday School.....776

Gifts Received

General.....\$57,694.78
Designated.....\$5,935.00
Building.....\$12,440.00

Year -to-Date General Fund

Goal.....\$799,776.88
2018 Receipts.....\$755,523.08
2017 Receipts.....\$712,211.79

Long Term Debt

Balance Owed....\$2,488,232.61

Spring Missions Offering

To Date.....\$8,645.50

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